

V. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants maintain that all points raised by the Examiner relating to claims 2, 12, 14, and 28 - 56 have been answered.

Applicants cancel claims 2, 12, 14, 28 - 30, 32, 33, 36, 42, 43, and 45 - 56 without prejudice for reasons of efficiency and not for reasons of patentability; which Applicants may intend to resubmit in a continuation application to be filed while the current application is pending. Claim 57 has not been entered.

Claims 31, 34, 35, 37 - 41 and 44 now presented are in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and favorable action are earnestly solicited. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' attorney via telephone.

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